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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VORSTER-MONDALE MEETING

1. YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO SEEK AN APPOINTMENT WITH COMMISSIONER GARBA PRIOR TO MID DAY TUESDAY (WASHINGTON TIME) TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY VANCE. IN THE EVENT THAT HE IS UNAVAILABLE FOR A MEETING, YOU SHOULD SEEK TO DELIVER THE MESSAGE TO THE HIGHEST APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL FOR IMMEDIATE TRANSMISSION TO GARBA.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER:

QUOTE
HIS EXCELLENCY BRIGADIER JOSEPH N. GARBA
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COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF
THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

DEAR BRIGADIER GARBA:

YOUR VIEWS ON THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA HAVE BEEN
MOST HELPFUL TO ME IN FOLLOWING THE DEVELOPMENTS IN

THAT REGION. I AM WRITING TODAY TO INFORM YOU OF A FORTHCOMING MEETING WHICH WILL DEAL WITH IMPORTANT MATTERS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

IN RESPONSE TO INDICATIONS FROM PRIME MINISTER VORSTER THAT HE IS INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING THE WIDE RANGE OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES WITH US, PRESIDENT CARTER HAS DECIDED TO ASK THE VICE PRESIDENT TO MEET WITH VORSTER DURING MR. MONDALE'S FORTHCOMING EUROPEAN TRIP. THEY WILL MEET IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA ON MAY 19. THE PRESIDENT WILL MAKE A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS VISIT ON TUESDAY, MAY 3.

THE VICE PRESIDENT AND MR. VORSTER WILL ENGAGE IN AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND IDEAS, RATHER THAN IN SPECIFIC OR DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS. MR. MONDALE WILL EXPRESS THE COMMITMENT OF MY GOVERNMENT TO THE CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, AND, IN CONFORMITY WITH THIS, THE NECESSITY FOR SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL MAKE CLEAR TO MR. VORSTER OUR SUPPORT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA AND THE PROGRESSIVE TRANSFORMATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY. HE WILL NOTE OUR SUPPORT FOR FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN'S CURRENT INITIATIVE TO RESUME SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT AND FOR CURRENT EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385.
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VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE WILL EMPHASIZE TO MR. VORSTER THAT WHILE WE VIEW THE ROLE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AS CRUCIAL IN THE PEACEFUL RESOLUTIONS OF THE NAMIBIAN AND RHODESIAN SITUATIONS, THE UNITED STATES CANNOT IGNORE THE PRESSING NEED FOR RAPID CHANGE WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF. OUR PRINCIPLES DEMAND SUCH CHANGE. ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE THE COMPLEXITY OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN PROBLEM, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT A PROGRESSIVE TRANSFORMATION OF THAT SOCIETY IN THE DIRECTION OF FULL POLITICAL RIGHTS AND AN END TO APARTHEID BEGIN NOW.

I BELIEVE THAT THE MESSAGE THAT VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE WILL CONVEY TO PRIME MINISTER VORSTER WILL SUPPORT OUR JOINT EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THE PEACEFUL EVOLUTION OF ALL OF SOUTHERN AFRICA TO AN AREA OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE.

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